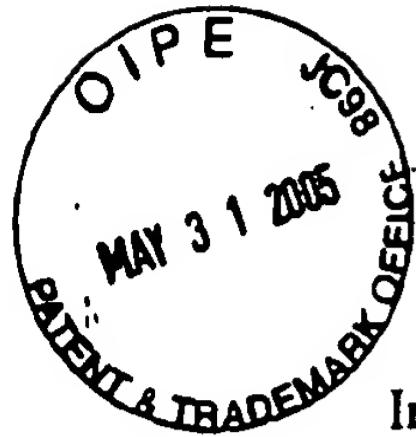


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In Response to the Final Official Action of May 16, 2005, issued with respect to the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following Reply comprising Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims, Amendments to the Specification, and Remarks.

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